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Saturday of May at Bellaire.
Saturday of Jone at Morristown.
Clairsville at close of Institute in Aug.

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at close of Institute only.

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Scale of Grades for Certificate is granted upon an average of 90 per cent., including three higher branches and the school law, with no grade below 75, provided applicant has had 24 months' experience and the school law, with no grade below 76, provided applicant has had 24 months' experience in teaching.

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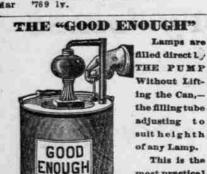
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FIRST DIVISION. B. C. Humphrey and James Patton, attending members of the Board and Marshals The term "thoroughbred" is meant to apply only race horses, or those that show an unbro

en link on both sides to animals recorded in the English Stud Book.

Exhibitors must deposit with the Secretary a properly authenticated pedigree as above. CLASS No. 1.

Thoroughbred Horses. Best stallion 4 years old and upwards.... \$15 best stailion 3 years old second....best brood mare 4 years old and upwards second. est filly three years old. best spring colt. est spring colt, filly

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—
Rev. W. H. Haskell, pastor. Sabbath preaching; 11 a.m.; 7 p.m. Sabbath School: 2:30 p.m. Young men's meeting: Friday 7 p.m.; general prayer meeting: Thursday 7 p.m. Strangers are cordially invited to all our second.

Second.

CLASS No. 2.—Draft Horses.

Best stailion 4 years old and upwards... second.
best stailion 3 years old... est stallion 3 years old second est stallion 2 years old. second best stallion 1 year old

best gelding 3 years old. est gelding 2 years old. est gelding 1 year old

est filly 3 years old est filly 2 years old best filly 1 year old est single mare or gelding est pair draft borses est spring colt.

best spring colt, filly st stallion, with 5 of his get under 3 yrs second All horses of four years old entered in this class to be tested to the satis- | Best bull 4 yrs old and upwards

faction of the committee. Stallions will not be all we'd to compete for premiums in this class best bull 3 years old CLASS No. 3-Horses for All Work. Best stallion 4 years old and upwards.... best stallion 3 years old. best stallion 2 yrs old ... est brood mare 4 years old and upwards

est filly 3 years old...... est filly 1 year old best gelding or mare 4 yrs old and upwards

est gelding 2 years old. est gelding 1 year old. best pair matched mares or geldings... second est family gelding or mare.....

best spring colt, filly..... est stallion with 5 of his get under 3 yrs. All horses entered in this class to be tested to

the satisfaction of the committee. Brood mares in this class to be shown with foal at CLASS No. 4-Saddle and Light Harness Best stallion 4 years old and upwards....

est stallion 3 years old hest stallion 2 years old. best stallion I year old. pest brood mare 4 years old and upwards. best filly 3 years old best filly 2 years old best filly 1 year old best gelding or mare 4 yrs old and upwards best gelding 3 years old...

best gelding 2 years old. est gelding 1 year old. . . . best pair matched geldings or mares.... est single driver.

second est stallion with 5 of his get under 3 yrs. Brood mares to be shown the committee with

foal at side or with foal. Animals to be shown in harness or under the saddle, or both, the committee may require, and be tested the satisfaction of the committee. CLASS No. 5-Sweepstakes. Diploma Diploma Best Stallion Best Brood Mare Best 5 spring colts, the product of one

Best spring colt CLASS No. 6-Jacks, Jennets and Mules. Best pair work :nules best Jack est mule colt

CLASS No. 7 .- Speed Ring. FIRST DAY-STALLION RACE. To Harness-Purse \$65.00.

4 to enter 3 to start. SECOND DAY. 8 Minutes Trot .- Horses that never beat Second premium Third premium i entries, 3 to start. To harness. Sweepstakes. Double Teams. Quick Drivers. Teams to be mated in galt.

Best 3 in 5-1st, \$20; 2d, \$12; 3d, \$8.

3 Minutes Pace.—Horses that never beat 3 Minutes. Purse \$55. Second premium Third premium 4 entries, 3 to start. To harness. THIRD DAY. Sweepstakes Pacing—To Harness. Purse \$125. Open to All. 4 entries, 3 to start. Fastest Walking Horse, Mare or Gelding. ond premium Sweepstakes Trotting-Harness. Purse \$200. Open to all.

Second premium
Third premium
4 entries, 3 to start. All premiums in Class No. 7, will be paid on evening of race. RULES. All contests in Speed Ring, except as above rovided, to be best 3 in 5, and to be governed y the rules of the National Trotting Associaon, excepting when otherwise altered.
Entry fee in all cases in this class (No. 7)
0 per cent on the purse.
All entries in class No. 7 to close at 12 o'lock M., on the day of the race entered for inless otherwise ordered by the Board. Speed Ring contests to begin at 1 o'clock P. M. sharp, on the day assigned. The Board reserves the right to fix and change at its discretion, the day and hour for any race or races in this class.

First premium

SECOND DIVISION. J. B. Ritchey and William Lodge attending embers of the Board. CLASS 8-Short Horns. Best bull 4 yrs old and upwards . . best bull 2 yrs old best buil 1 yr old

best cow 4 yrs old and upwards. best cow 3 yrs old best heifer 2 yrs old best helfer 1 yr old best spring calf ... best bull with 5 of bis get, . Breeders' Gazette best display cattle in this class CLASS 9.-Short Horn Grades. Best bull 4 yrs old and upwards.

best bull 3 yrs old best bull 1 yr old ... best cow 4 yrs old and upwards. best helfer 2 vrs old. second best heifer 1 yr old best spring calf.... best display cattle in this class... CLASS 10 .- Herefords,

best bull 2 years old best cow 4 yrs old and upwards. best cow 3 years old

best heifer 2 years old. second best heifer 1 year old best spring calf ... CLASS 11.-Holsteins. Best bull 4 yrs old and upwards ..

second best bull 3 yrs old.... best cow 4 yrs old and upwards

best heifer 2 yrs old. best display of cattle in this class CLASS 12. - Alderneys or Jerseys. Best bull 4 vrs old and upwards. est bull 2 yrs old

best bull 1 yr old ...

best cow 3 yrs old best heifer 2 yrs old best bull with 5 of his get,...Pitts. Stockman best display cattle in this class..... Diploma

CLASS 13.-Angus and Galloways or any Best bull 4 yrs old and upwards.

best cow 4 yrs old and upwards. best cow 3 yrs old.

best display cattle in this class. CLASS 14.-Devons Best bull 4 yrs old and upwards best bull 3 yrs old

best bull 1 yr old best cow 4 yrs old and upwards

best display cattle in this class..... Dipl CLASS 15 .- Devon Grades. Best bull 4 yrs old and upwards. best bull 2 yrs old est cow 4 vrs old and upwards best cow 3 yrs old

second best heifer 2 yrs old. best heifer 1 yr old best display cattle in this class..... CLASS 16.-Miscellaneous Cattle Best yoke cattle 4 yrs old and upwards ... \$ 6 best fat bullock, to weigh not less than 1100

best voke of cattle 3 yrs old. best yoke cattle 2 yrs old best yoke cattle 1 yr old ... CLASS 17.-Sweepstakes Cattle. pest display of cattle by one exhibitor, not less than six in number THIRD DIVISION. E. S. Arrick and I. C. Kintner attemembers of Board. FINE WOOL SHEEP. CLASS 18-Purebred Sheep. Best buck, 2 yrs old and up ...

best buck 1 year old... best buck under 1 year old. est pen 3 ewes, 2 yrs and up. est pen 3 ewe lambs ... All exhibitors of sheep in this class are required to furnish to the attending members of the board a pedigree or certificate of breeding from any standard register properly signed by the President and Secretary of the same. CLASS 19.-Black Top Merinos.

Best buck 2 yrs old and upwards. est buck under I yr old ... best pen 3 ewes 2 yrs old and upwards. est pen 3 ewes 1 yr old .

CLASS 20.-Sweepstakes in Fine Wools. Best ram of any age with five of his get, best flock Merinos, to consist of 1 ram, 3 ewes over 2 years old, 3 ewes over 1 and under 2 years old, 3 ewe lambs, to be bred and owned exclusively by the exhibitor est flock black top Merino, to consist of one ram, 3 ewes over 2 years old. 3 ewes over 1 and under 2 years old, 3 ewe lambs, to be bred and owned ex-clusively by the exhibitor, luster, length and density to be specially

est ram of any age with 5 of his get. CLASS 21 .- Downs. best buck 2 yrs old and up best buck under 1 yr old. best pen 3 ewes 2 years old and up. best pen 3 ewes 1 yr old best pen 3 ewe lambs

CLASS 22 .- Long Wool Sheep. Best buck 2 yrs old and up ... best buck 1 yr old ... best buck under 1 yrold best pen 3 ewes 2 yrs old and up best pen 8 ewes 1 yr old.

CLASS 23.-Sweepstakes Sheep, Long Wool. Best buck with five of his spring lambs CLASS 24-Swing-Black Breeds. Best boar 1 yr old and upwards

second best bear under 1 yr old best brood sow 1 vrold and upward, and second ... best fat hog CLASS 25-White Breeds. Best boar I year old and upwards

best brood sow 1 year old and upwards, and 6 sucking pigs best brood sow under 1 yr old second best fat hog CLASS 26.-Sweepstakes Hogs. CLASS 27 .- Poultry .

Best pair chickens, cock and hen of each var., 1 yr old and upward.... best pair chickens under 1 yr old of each variety 50 best pair guineas 1 yr old and upwd 50 best pair turkeys, cock and hen, 1 year and upwad best pair geese. best pair peafowls, cock and hen. Competition open to all varieties. Greatest and best display of poultry by one exhibitor 3 00 Exhibitors in this class must bring their

FOURTH DIVISION. Mechanics' Hall. John Sidebottom and Shepherd Davis atte

CLASS 28.-Farm Implements best plain grain drill. best combined grain and fertilizer drill best hand dump hay rake.... best self dump hay rake. best hand hay and stalk cutter... best power hay and stalk cutter. best corn sheller, power. best threshing machine, grain . . best hand corn planter est two horse sulky cultivator.

best spring wagon best family carriage best top buggy.... best open buggy ... best plow for general purposes best subsoil plow best grain cradle best specimen 5 hand hav rakes best half dozen axe helves... best display of farm implements by one exhibitor To be exhibited by manufacturer or agent. CLASS 29.-Leather Goods. Best sample farm harness

hibited by the manufacturer or agent.

best specimen crochet in cotton. 60e
best specimen chain stitching 50e
best specimen braiding 50e
best suit of clothing for boy und, 10 years 1 00
best suit of clothes for girl under 10 years 1 00
best basis weeklashe est pair gent's winter boots best pair gent's fine boots best pair lady's winter shoes best pair lady's summer shoes best pair lady's brogans..... best assortment boots and shoes best two sides skirting.... best two sides black bridle leather

Best center table \$1 Best wash stand ... est book case ... best sideboard. best bureau. 1 best willow baske best churn .50c best pump... best half dozen fancy chairs best half dozen common chairs best specimen coopering.... best half dozen brooms best shower bath apparatus... est sewing machin

best painting in water colors. est knitting machine. est assortment furniture. best engraving ... est baby cradle best specimen penmanship... best design for farm building. To be owned and exhibited by manufac irer or agent. best design for cottage building best specimen dentistry.... best specimen marble work. CLASS 31.-Hardware and Castings. est cooking range... est cooking stove best specimen horse shoes and nails best specimen lamps ... best specimen cut nails. Best exhibit of pot flowers ... best specimen axe est exhibit of cut flowers. best gunsmithing best specimen edged tools. est exhibit of evergreens. est exhibit of verbenas. ..

best specimen drawing chain ... best specimen breast and log chain best show case cutlery ... best exhibit of veroenas.
best exhibit of dahlias.
best hand boquet
best bridal boquet
best hanging basket
best exhibit house plants. best specimen mattocks best specimen horse shoeing. best assortment glassware. best floral design. best display of glassware manufac-tured in Belmont county CLASS 32-Cloths, Cassinets, Factory Goods. Best 10 vds factory cloth best 10 yds flannet best 10 yds wool carpet best 10 yds rag carpet... best 16 yds towel best 10 vds linen best 10 yds diaper cloth best specimen silk goods best pair wool blankets best pair coverlets best pair cotton stockings, woven for examination by committee. CLASS 44,-Music and Musical Instrumer best pair linen stockings, woven .. est pair table cloths Best piano. best display in this class. best 5 fleeces fine wool

best 5 fleeces long wool 2 & Owned & exhibited by manufacturer or ager FARMERS HALL CLASS 33.-Domestic Manufactures and

Shepherd Davis and John Sidebottom a tending members of the Board. Household Fabrics. Best 8 yards domestic linen ... best diaper table cloth. best piece 10 yards domestic flanuel best pair wool half hose.... best pair cotton half hose best pair knit drawers best pair knit shirts best pair foot mats ... best bed quilt... best domestic table cover. best knit wool stockings... best pound sewing thread best pound woolen yarn... best specimen knitting . best hearth rug..... best made dress shirt. best fancy fly brushe best hats or caps, children's best mattress.

CLASS 34.-Dairy and Domestic Products. best two loaves baker's bread . . best ten pounds of cheese. best three pounds butter. best rusks best pound cake Diploma. best gold cake. Greatest and best variety made or CLASS 35 .- Fruits.

Best spec, half doz var, autumn apples. best spec half doz var winter apples... best spec half doz var peaches... best specimen half doz varieties pears. best specimen half doz varieties grapes best spec 4 varieties plums 1-2 peck each A plate full to constitute a specimen not otherwise stated. Greatest and best assortment of not less than 10 varieties of apples. best specimen winter apples best pecimen autumn apple best specimen grapes. Competition open to all other kinds of

native fruit Greatest and best variety of fruit of all kinds by one exhibitor ... To be raised by exhibitor. CLASS 36.-Vegetables and Grain Best half bushel sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, onions, tomatoes, parsnips, carrots, turnips, beets, &c.... est 4 varieties Irish potatoes best6 heads cabbage best specimen blocoli or cauliflower... best specimen celery best specimen pumpkins, winter squashes, watermelons, muskmelons. best peck beans.... best specimen egg plants. largest and best assortment vegetables by one exhibitor. best specimen spring wheat best specimen fall wheat.

best specimen timothy seed best specimen clover seed. CLASS 37-Field Crops & Vegetable Gardens Best five acres of wheat not less than best five acres of rye. best five acres of corn 80 bu to acre. best five acres of oats... best five acres of barley ... est five acres of timothy. best vegetable garden. best quarter acre of potatoes 300 bu 6 4
best managed farm 40 20
Ground and produce to be measured by dis-

interested parties, and a written statement fur nished the committee, setting forth all relative to the raising of said crop. Can report to Secretary any time before 1st of December, after the Fair. CLASS 38.-Bees, Honey and Apiarian Crate or case of comb honey-appear ance, quality and shape for market to govern one dozen perfectly filled one-pound sections, exhibitor to state the manto govern. aplary in 1885..... Nucleus of Italian bees, including their essay on the production of comb and extracted honey, including the man-agement and manipulation of an

apiary for one year. FLORAL HALL. D. H. Milligan, attending member of Board CLASS 39.-Needle, Shell and Fancy Work. Best bonnet and trimmings best specimen silk embroidery best specimen wool embroidery best specimen shell work, best specimen bead work..... best specimen bead work, in any form... best specimen tatting... best lamp mat... best specimen crochet in wool...

by one exhibitor, (these articles not to compete for other premiums)...... 3 00 Owned & exhibited by manufacturer or agent Second premiums in this class, one-half the amount of the first.

Machine & hand work to compete separately. CLASS 40 .- Clothing. Best assortment clothing

est dress cont Owned & exhibited by manufacturer or agent
Machine & hand work to compete separately CLASS 41.-Arts and Designs. Best painting in oil colors .. best crayen drawing ... best spec photograph and copied picture best specimen ambrotype and albatype ...

best specimen painting and graining. Greatest and best display of pictures by CLASS 42.-Flowers and Flower Pots.

reatest and best display of above. Now stares at him with a cruel gaze; CLASS 43.—Preserves, Pickles, Jellies,

Best specimen preserves, each variety best specimen jelly each variety pest specimen pickles each variety.... best maple sugar. best specimen sorghum sugar hest specimen maple molasses. best specimen sorghum molasses. best specimen spiced fruit each variety best specimen air-tight fruit, each variety best eider vinegar.
best eider vinegar.
tele resommended that air-tight fruit be ac It is recommended that air-tight fruit be a companied by a duplicate of a small quanti

Fenton CLASS 45. - Relics and Curiosities. Best suit of minerals. est shell and fossil remains

CLASS 46.-Equestrianism. Best lady's performance...... Silver Cup. Best boy's performance, under 17. Silver Cup-CLASS 47.-Novelties, &c. All articles not named in, or properly b longing in, any of the foreging classes, will be given cards by the Secretary, and will be examined by competent judges; and, if marked highly meritorious by them, will be entitled to such premiums as may be awarded by the

Board after the Fair. Standing Committees for 1886. ON SUMMER FRUITS AND FLOWERS—I M. Riley, Wm. A. Hunt, J. B. Meyer.
ON FIELD CROPS AND VEGETABLE GARDENNS—Robert M. Wilkins, Jos. M. Mitchell,
M. G. Overbaugh.
J. B. Hoge, Pres. J. B. MEYER, Secretary.

The judgment rendered in the U.S. District Court, in the McArthur case, new nest every year. Some birds are . 50c 25c quarter of a century old. The will of soup?" Gen. Duncan McArthur contained a clause giving all his property to his whether he was in earnest. dren brought suit, and obtained a decree nests.' the grandchild clause, and vesting the and consider them a rich treat. In porestate in them. They entered inio post tions of China, as high as forty dollars farms, the purchasers considering them+ a quarter!" selves abundantly fortified againt the grandchildren by the decree of court. | ment; "not nests like these!"

But grandchildren born after the decree, when they became of age, entered great abundance on the Island of Java. suit, and the U. S. Supreme Court, about It is a dangerous feat to gather them, to inherit. Yesterday Judge Jackson ropes and bamboo ladders. made a decree in accordance with the ruling of the Supreme court. Six of the asked Charlie. 24 grandchildren had acquiesced in able farms in Ross and Pickaway and waist?" adjacent counties, aggregating over fifteen thousand acres. The late occupants | Charlie, with a wide stare. are not charged with rents and profits. chase the same over again. All that build on the shores of the sea." that they retain under the decree is six twenty-fourths, the shares of the six grandchildren who acquiesced in the

A CORRESPONDENT calls the attention of the New York Times to the fact that on January 12, 1773, an open meeting in Sheffield, Mass., adopted a declaration of more or less independence, asserting the right of self government, announcing the numerous grievances and abusing Great Britain without stint. Two of the committee that drafted the declation afterward became generals in the Revolutionary army. They were John Fellows and John Ashley. This declation antedates by more than two years the celebrated Mecklenberg declaration which has been the subject of so much controversy. The same writer also states that in the same county at the village of Great Barrington the people ejected the judges of the crown August 16, 1774, more than eight months before the battle of Lexington, and at no time since the date mentioned did the people of that district ever acknowledge the authority of Great Britain. The evidence of all this is said to be still existing in the shape of authentic records. If true, it seems to locate the cradle of American liberty securely in the Berkshire hills, for there first a formal declaration of independence was followed by an overt act of successful rebellion against the authority of the British crown. Mrs. Platt:

A child beside a statue said to me, This man is Mr. Lincoln, mamma. He Was made of marble; we are made of

For drunkenness, drink cold water; for health, rise early; to be happy, be honest; to please all, mind your own buUNITED.

The ship had fall'n to the ocean's floor, And never would walk the wide sea more And crew and cargo and steamers gay Beneath the feet of the hillows lay.

By many a fathom the diver sped: He hailed the object, shivering wreck; He walked the streets of her silent deck He peered in many an unbarred room,

Where jewels burned in the deadly gloom, And corses sadly slumbering lay, Or swam together as if in play. And some had the grace of gallant cheer, And some were marred by a mortal fear;

But all looked strange, in the dim sea light, As men who have lost their way at night. He flitted through that slumbering host; He was the daylight's wandering ghost, Come down from a heaven where sunbeams play, To where dim dusk is the only day.

But who is this with features grim And hand that is stretching forth to him? God comfort his soul and give it rest; It is the brother he love the best!

Now looks at him with unseeing eyes; Now crushes his heart with a mad surprise He tore the armor of life away-He kissed the senseless lips of grav: He clasped his dead with a fond despair, Two quarreling brothers found them there.

-Will Carleton, Youth's Companie

BIRDS' NESTS. The Curious Things the Little Birds

Build. "Oh papa, see!" cried little Charlie

He was standing in a shadowy path inthe woods, beckoning to his father. When the latter joined his son he found him in ecstacles over a bird's nest. It was a deserted nest; he had it in his hands, and was closely examining it. "Isn't it cute?" he said, his eyes shi_

It was cunningly fashioned, indeed, interwoven with small sticks and shreds of moss, lined with fine hair and beautifully rounded.

"It dropped from a tree, don't you think?" Charlie asked. "Quite likely," assented his father. "Do birds ever use their nests twice?" Charlie next asked.

"Some of them do. Others make a

demonstrates that title to real estate too lazy to build their own nests, and can not safely be grounded on decrees lay their eggs in the nest of other birds. Best bbl flour from least quant'y wheat 150 100 of courts, even when the decree is a How would you like to eat birds-nest Charley looked up at his father to see

grandchildren, to be controlled by trus- "Birds'-nest soup!" he repeated, staring tees, however, until the youngest grand- at the not overly clean structure of child was of age. The disinherited chil- twigs and hair. Nobody ever eats birds' in the Ross county court, setting aside "They do in some countries, my boy,

session, partitioned the land, and each has been paid for a 'catty' of bird's nests, one subdivided his part, and sold it off in not weighing more than a pound and "Oh! papa,' Charlie cried in amaze "No, net quite. They are found in

a year ago, sustained the provision of as they are built against the steep walls the will and admitted the grandchildren of caverns which can only be reached by

"But are they not very tasteless?" On they contrary, the are pronounced the decree of the Ross County court, and quite nutritious. They are built of seaare not entitled to the benefits of this plants, which contain a nourishing sublate decree. The other 18 grandchil- stance. I could tell you some wonderdren or their heirs are adjudged entitled ful things about birds' nests. What to their proportionate shares. The proper- would you think, for instance, if you ty involved embraces a number of valu- broke in through birds' nests up to your

"Why, father, how could I?" asked

"Easily enough, in some countries. but are allowed nothing for improve- All nests are not built high. The penments. They are required to give up guins are heavy birds, good swimmers, possession to eighteen twenty-fourths of but miserable walkers. They are not the lands now in their possession or pur- able to build in the trees, and so they "Out of what do they build their

nests?" asked Charlie. "Well, they seem to be satisfied with Ross county decree.-Cin. Com. Gazette, scooping holes in the ground. Each nest has a concealed road, covered by the grass, along which the birds travel." The two were now walking through

the woods, Charlie carrying the nest in one hand with the other "Sometimes," continued Mr. Fenton, that sailors sink into them while walking. Some of them have received smart blows from the beaks of the angry birds before they had time to withdraw their legs. I once read of a sailor who left a portion of his trowsers behind him.

Charlie laughed heartily. "That reminds me of the time I meddled with the old hen," he said. "She gave me an awful flopping. You came and chased her away."

"You were more scared than hurt, my boy! She fancied that you had designs upon her little chicks. The bower birds build a queer nest. It is in the form of an arch made by sticking small branches in the ground and causing them to touch at the top: first laying a pavement of round pebbles. They then decorate the outside with pearly shells, bright feathers, and any shining object they can

"The magples are fond of bright objects, too, are they not?"

"Yes: so are the crows. When people lose rings and watch chains, they often look for them in the nests of the bower birds, hoping to find there. The nests are often more than three feet long, and With pretty wisdom, very sadly just: afford a shady retreat in which the birds can promenade." "And the bower keeps off the rain."

'Well, I shouldn't wonder if it did." replied his father.-The Coral.

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